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To whom it may concern,

It's to my great disappointment that I am writing to you today to address the proposed merger between Partners and South Shore Hospital.

The Massachusetts legislature went through great pains to create a fair and open process by which the Health Policy Commission would review proposed mergers and acquisitions from a cost perspective, and refer certain matters to the Massachusetts Attorney General for review.

Here we are, years later and opponents of this merger are looking to circumvent the process. Over almost two years, the proposed merger of South Shore Hospital and Partners HealthCare has been reviewed not only by the Health Policy Commission and Massachusetts Attorney General, but the United States Department of Justice and Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

When is enough, enough? When will self-interested opponents of this deal acknowledge the great benefits this merger will have for the entire South Shore community? Not only will those living on the South Shore have access to the best health care on the market, but Partners HealthCare will invest in its facilities, infrastructure and technology so that South Shore Hospital can be an even greater asset to our community.

Enough is enough. All the necessary parties have reviewed this transaction. Please stop letting self-interested parties hinder this process.

Sincerely,

James Howard  
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